

# OYEZ!

## News from the JUNE Town Council Meeting



### **COUNCIL FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Because of the unusually large changes in the Council's income and expenditure over the last 12 months, it is likely that an intermediate (extra) audit process will have to be undertaken. The changes are due to the considerable borrowing and expenditure associated with the purchase of the town car-park.

### **TOWN HALL GRANT**

Half of the annual grant from the Town Council to the Town Trust (£3640) is to be paid immediately. This is a regular grant and is for Town Hall maintenance.

### **HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT**

The council was told that Lorna Richardson is to be First School head-teacher on a temporary two-term appointment, starting in September.

### **BARNABAS CLOSE BUS STOP**

The council has been told that the route 126 bus-stop will not be completed on the in-bound side of Cheddar Road in the foreseeable future. There will be no raised kerb.

Council agreed to ask that the new sign at Barnabas Close therefore should indicate that the bus may stop on the opposite side of the road, as is the case for the Jubilee Road/Parkfield stop.

There would then be no need to retain the leaning post at the start of the slip road.

### **MODERN TOWN ARCHIVIST**

**Mrs Maggie Tur (Modern Town Archivist)** requested that the council set a clear sum that may be used to

support her work in conserving photographs in particular for the town archive. The exact sum will be decided at the July meeting.

She also made a plea for anyone in town who has interesting pictures of the town over the past 100 years or so to get in touch with her (732855) and loan the pictures for copying.

### **MEMORIAL SEAT CHESTNUT AVENUE**

A site has been suggested for a memorial seat in Chestnut Avenue. Neighbouring residents will be contacted to seek their views. The bench will be erected at SDC's expense.

### **WAR MEMORIAL**

The town war memorial has been cleaned by the town lengthsmen.

### **ALLOTMENT RENTS**

Council resolved not to increase allotment rents for the next 12 months.

### **CARNIVAL ROAD CLOSURE**

Members agreed to support in principle an extra 2 hours of marshalling at this year's carnival so that the roads leading to the Square and the Square itself may remain closed to traffic until 6 pm.—from 2 pm.

This would cost £120.00.

### **PARKING IN THE SQUARE**

It was reported that the issue of time-limited parking in the Square on Sundays (1 hour limit as on other days) is to be the subject of a court hearing.

### **WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR**

The council would be happy to hear from anyone in the community who would like to be website manager for the Town Council's website.

Contact the Town Clerk in the first instance.

### **AXBRIDGE FUN DAY.**

This is on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Plans are progressing well for this year's Fun Day. If any group would still like to have a stall it is not too late; contact Pauline Ham (732062)

## **PAGEANT**

**Rehearsals** are underway.

**Road closures** have been agreed for West Street/High Street, the Square and St Mary's Street for the 3 days of performance and for the Dress Rehearsal on 22nd August (10.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.). The three other closures will be from 12 noon until 12 midnight.

It is hoped that **mayors** from local Somerset towns will attend the first performance and help to promote the Pageant within their communities.

The next **fund-raising** event is to be a barbeque at the Parsonage on Saturday 3rd. July, organised by the Chamber of Commerce.

## **SEDGEMOOR BUDGET**

The district council is to make a further £6,000 **cut** in its expenditure for 2010-11 but will be required to make another £2m. reduction for 2011-12. Then the most likely areas to be cut are public toilets, floral decorations, Christmas tree lights and the servicing and installation of dog bins.

## **FURLONG**

The council agreed to investigate ways of removing the **soil** spread from the levelled BMX track.

The **ball-wall** is now in place but is not to be used until the grassed area in front of it has taken root, nor is the unit to be used as a climbing frame.

The youth shelter continues to be vandalised and is now in a dangerous condition. Councillors were concerned that parents seem unaware of their children's destruction. The vandalism was reported to the police who attended the scene within half an hour. They have been making regular visits to the Furlong since. It is possible that the youth shelter will have to be removed from site as a result of its present dangerous condition.

## **AXBRIDGE TOWN CAR PARK**

Council agreed in principle the regulations to be displayed at the Town Car Park in April 2011.

The parking of cars is to be **free** and for temporary parking only. Restrictions will limit the **size** and **type** of vehicle to be parked.

Parking will be limited to **48 consecutive hours** (no return within 2 hours) except at weekends and public holidays.

An **excess charge** of £60 may be issued for failing to comply with the regulations.

There is to be **no trading** in the car-park without prior permission of the council.

## **POSSIBLE BOUNDARY CHANGE**

The Boundary Commission has proposed that the District Council ward (currently covering just Axbridge) be enlarged to cover Compton Bishop, Weare and Allerton and have two representative councillors.

## **MUSEUM**

The Axbridge Museum Trust is expected to receive the same grant (around £14,000) this year as last from SDC, although the situation for 2011-12 is expected to change.

## **AXBRIDGE IN BLOOM**

The competition will be organized once again by Dennis Bratt with the result being made known at the Farmers' Market on 7th. August.

**RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS (3RD MONDAY EACH MONTH), TO RAISE ISSUES OR JUST TO LISTEN. MATTERS MAY BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION VIA THE TOWN CLERK MRS VICKY BRICE  
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